



Governor outlines plans to attack “brain drain”

(December 14) Governor Daniels proposed to transform higher education in Indiana by creating a new scholarship for top Hoosier students who remain in-state after graduation, as well as a fund that will enhance the state’s key knowledge-based industries by bringing world-class researchers and scholars to Indiana’s public universities. [Read the news release.](#) Click [here](#) to visit Governor Daniels’ Web site to listen to audio from the Governor’s “brain gain” plan.

Governor’s Update

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Indiana and Illinois to study new highway connecting major interstates

(December 12) Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels announced the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) have signed an agreement to study potential locations for a new interstate-quality highway connecting I-57 in Illinois to I-94 in Indiana. The proposed highway, known as the Illiana Expressway, would be publicly owned but built with private funds, not tax dollars, and operated under contract as a toll road. The highway would help relieve increasing traffic congestion in Northwest Indiana and the Chicagoland area. [Read the news release.](#)

Daniels announced planning grants for science and technology high schools

(December 12) Governor Daniels announced the award of sixteen \$50,000 planning grants to help high schools better prepare students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). [Read the news release.](#)

Comcast to expand operations in Indiana, create 225 new jobs

(December 11) The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) announced on Monday that Comcast has outgrown its current location in Indianapolis and plans to expand the customer care and technical support portion of its Indiana operations in Fishers. The company will transfer 210 of its current employees to the new location and has committed to hiring an additional 225 new full-time employees at the new location by 2011.

[Read the news release.](#)

Governor, First Lady, participate in annual tree trimming

(December 13) Governor Daniels and First Lady Cheri Daniels joined more than 400 elementary school students to decorate the State House Christmas Tree on Wednesday. Children brought ornaments they had made based on this year’s theme of “Hoosiers Have Heart.”



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